Para-medical courses under the Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy, State Government of Kerala can take a view on conducting of Nursing-cum-Pharmacist Course. However, if Government of Kerala wishes to conduct NCP courses in an existing Homoeopathic medical college, permission of CCH would be required so that infrastructural requirements for smooth conduct of graduation and post-graduation courses in Homoeopathy medicine are not compromised.

The Nursing-cum-Pharmacist course does not require the approval of Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS). The CGHS have a post of Pharmacist-cum-Store Keeper-cum-Clerk (Homoeopathy) for which the educational qualification is matriculation or its equivalent with at least two years experience as a Homoeopathy Pharmacist in Government or recognized private Homoeopathic hospital/dispensary or three years experience under a registered Homoeopathic practitioner.

Security of women passengers

†*92. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards male passengers travelling in female bogies and the incidents of molestation with lady passengers as a result thereof;

(b) if so, whether Government have prepared any action plan to deal with such passengers strictly; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. In the year 2005 (upto June), 09 incidents of molestation have been reported. These cases have been registered and legal action is being taken by the Government Railway Police concerned.

(b) and (c) These offences are mostly noticed in the sub-urban sections. To prevent such offences Special Surakshini / Tejaswani Squads have been constituted with women ticket checking staff (where available), women staff of Railway Protection Force / Government Railway Police. The ladies compartments in affected sections are escorted by armed police personnel in the night hours. Other Special Squads against such

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

miscreants are also deployed in the affected sections / Trains. Due to such drives, a total of 31,282 male persons were apprehended by RPF while travelling in ladies compartments during the period form 1st July 2004 to 30th June 2005, and prosecuted 29,600 under the Railways Act in the Courts of Law. An amount of Rs. 37,45,988/- has been realized from them as fine.

Encroachment of railway land on outskirts of Patna

*93. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of persons have grabbed Railway land on Khargaul-Neora road on the outskirts of Patna and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that officials of the Railways have turned a blind eye towards the flagrant encroachment;

(c) if so, what action Government have taken against such officials; and

(d) whether the encroachment has since been cleared, and if not, the reasons therefor and by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) No, Sir. However, some encroachments on Railway land at Khargaul-Neora road on the outskirts of Patna were noticed, which were removed.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) All the encroachments have been removed.

Upgradation of NIN

*94. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal by ICMR to upgrade the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) in Hyderabad;